

5 a. said first endpoint activating a multicast communication channel having a first  
6 multicast address and commencing broadcast of said data over said multicast  
7 communication channel;

8 b. said first endpoint transmitting a request message to each of said plurality of  
9 second endpoints in order to query each of said second endpoints whether they can  
10 receive transmissions broadcast to said first multicast address;

11 c. certain of said plurality of second endpoints transmitting an acknowledgement  
12 message and said first endpoint receiving said acknowledgement message;

13 d. for each said acknowledgement message received from said certain of said  
14 plurality of second endpoints which indicates that said certain of said  
15 plurality of second endpoints can receive transmissions broadcast to said  
16 first multicast address, deactivating said point-to-point communication  
17 channel with said first endpoint and said certain of said plurality of second  
18 endpoints; and

19 e. terminating said broadcast of said data and said multicast communication  
20 channel if a predetermined condition regarding said acknowledgement  
21 messages from said plurality of second endpoints is satisfied.